

SCHEELITE.

Final accounts in respect of the last shipment to leave New Zealand have been received and the balances due paid to shippers.

The total quantity of scheelite shipped under the terms of the contract amounted to 774 tons, and the payments to £178,481, distributed to the various districts as under :—

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Glenorchy	89,723
Macrae's Flat	38,513
Otago Central	7,464
Marlborough	34,077
Charges	8,704
Total.. .. .	<u>£178,481</u>

WOOL.

GREASY CLIP.

Under agreement with the Imperial Government, an extension of the time allowed for delivery of wool was made to the 30th September, 1920, and all wool of the 1919-20 clip delivered into registered woolbrokers' stores up to midnight of that date was appraised and paid for on behalf of the Imperial Government.

From the commencement of the first contract, in November, 1916, to the 31st March, 1921, wool has been purchased and disposed of us under :—

Total number of bales purchased (as per valuation certificates received) ..	2,086,951
Number of bales lost in transit	9,668
Number of bales arrived at destination in 276 steamers	1,334,009
Number of bales shipped to America for sale	10,321
Number of bales shipped on account of other Governments	119,282
Number of bales delivered to scourers for treatment	417,770
Number of bales sold to local mills	638
Number of bales destroyed by fire	593
Number of bales available for shipment.. .. .	<u>194,670</u>
Total number of bales purchased from brokers	2,086,951
Number of bales scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool shipped	364,431
Number of bales scoured and fellmongers' slipe wool destroyed by fire	1,394
Number of bales repacked, scoured, and fellmongers' slipe wool available for shipment	71,031

The sum of £50,211,352 was disbursed in payment of the 2,086,951 bales referred to above, made up as follows :—

	Amount. £	Percentage to Total.
Appraised value	47,334,007	94.28
Brokers', valuation, and shipping charges	2,179,455	4.34
Storage	645,211	1.28
Administration expenses	<u>52,679</u>	0.10
	£50,211,352	100.00

WOOL-SCOURING.

Scouring of locks, pieces, second lambs, and heavy-conditioned fleece wool was completed during the year, and the following table shows the quantities distributed to wool-scourers and the results up to the 31st March, 1921 :—

Delivered to wool-scourers for treatment: Bales, 417,770; net weight, 157,119,413 lb.; average weight per bale, 376.09 lb.

Scoured result: Bales, 346,030; net weight, 101,623,042 lb.; average weight per bale, 293.68 lb.

Yield: 64.68 per cent.

Saving in shipping-space: Bales, 71,732; net weight, 55,493,338 lb.

Paid to wool-scourers for treatment of wool, £747,400.